

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

1. (Currently Amended) A toilet seat paper setting device comprising:

a toilet cover ~~equipped with~~ including a paper cassette in which ~~a number~~ plurality of toilet seat papers, which are to be placed to cover ~~the~~ a seat surface of a toilet seat, are contained in stacked layers, separable one-by-one into ~~a separate paper-sheet~~ sheets;

~~a number~~ plurality of air suction holes disposed in ~~said the~~ the toilet seat ~~to open and opening~~ in the seat surface of ~~said the~~ the toilet seat; ~~and~~

air suction means for ~~sucking~~ evacuating air through ~~said the~~ the suction holes, wherein ~~said a~~ a paper sheet in ~~said the~~ the paper cassette is attached by suction to ~~said the~~ the toilet seat by ~~the~~ the action of ~~said the~~ the air suction means ~~with said~~ when the toilet cover is placed on ~~said the~~ the toilet seat;

a sensor for detecting a user's entry into a region near the toilet seat and generating an entry signal in response, and detecting the user's exit from the region and generating an exit signal in response and

control means for activating the air suction means based on an entry signal from the sensor and deactivating the air suction means based on an exit signal from the sensor.

2. (Currently Amended) The toilet seat paper setting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ the toilet seat comprises an upper member and a lower member and ~~said the~~ the toilet seat ~~provided with~~ provided with ~~said the~~ the air suction holes comprises ~~said the~~ the upper member.

3. (Currently Amended) The toilet seat paper setting device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein ~~said the~~ the toilet seat provided with ~~said the~~ the air suction holes is ~~arranged for coaxial rotation~~ coaxially hinged with ~~said the~~ the toilet cover.

4. (Currently Amended) The toilet seat paper setting device as claimed in ~~any one of claims claim 1 to 3~~, wherein ~~said the~~ the toilet seat ~~provided with~~ provided with ~~said the~~ the air suction holes is ~~formed with~~ a thermally insulating material.

5. (Currently Amended) The toilet seat paper setting device as claimed in ~~any one of claims claim 1 to 4~~, wherein ~~said the~~ air suction holes ~~that~~ open in ~~said the~~ seat surface of the toilet seat are fine holes difficult to recognize ~~by~~ with a naked eye.

6. (Currently Amended) The toilet seat paper setting device as claimed in ~~any one of claims claim 1 to 5~~, wherein ~~said the~~ air suction means comprises an air suction device disposed inside or outside of a toilet main body, and an air suction passage disposed within ~~said the~~ toilet seat ~~for communicating said~~ providing communication between the air suction device and ~~said the~~ air suction holes.

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) The toilet seat paper setting device as claimed in ~~any one of claims claim 1 to 7~~, wherein ~~said the~~ paper cassette comprises a container ~~portion~~ containing ~~said the~~ toilet seat papers stacked in layers, a paper passing frame member having an opening ~~allowing said~~ for passage of the toilet seat papers ~~passing~~ therethrough, one-by-one, and detachably fitted to ~~said the~~ container ~~portion~~, and an elastic member disposed between ~~said contained the~~ toilet papers stacked in layers and ~~said the~~ container ~~portion~~ for urging ~~said stacked the~~ toilet seat papers against ~~said the~~ paper passing frame member.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for setting a toilet seat paper using a toilet seat paper setting device comprising a toilet cover ~~equipped with~~ including a paper cassette in which a ~~number~~ plurality of toilet seat papers, which are to be placed to cover ~~the a~~ seat surface of a toilet seat, are contained in stacked layers, separable one-by-one into ~~a~~ separate paper ~~sheet~~ sheets, a ~~number~~ plurality of air suction holes disposed in ~~said the~~ toilet seat ~~to open and opening~~ in the seat surface of ~~said the~~ toilet seat, ~~and~~ air suction means for ~~sucking~~ evacuating air through ~~said the~~ suction holes, a sensor for detecting a user's entry into and exit from ~~a toilet bowl nearby~~ region near the toilet seat, and control means for activating ~~said the~~ air suction means based on ~~the basis of~~ an entry signal from

~~said the sensor, and deactivating the air suction means based on an exit signal from the sensor, said method being characterized in that comprising:~~

~~said activating the air suction means is kept activated by said with the control means on the basis of said after reception of an entry signal from said the sensor, and that until reception of an exit signal from the sensor, and~~

~~upon opening said the toilet seat, separating from the stacked toilet papers within the paper cassette only the toilet seat paper attached by suction to said the toilet seat, by evacuation the suction of said air through the suction holes when said the toilet seat is closed is separated from the laminated toilet papers contained within said paper cassette.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The method for setting toilet seat paper as claimed in claim 9, ~~wherein said including activating the air suction means is activated at least during while~~ a user remains seated on ~~said toile~~ the toilet seat to keep ~~said the~~ toilet seat paper attached by suction to ~~said the~~ toilet seat.

Claim 11 (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The toilet seat paper ~~to be placed on a toilet seat surface for covering it~~ setting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the toilet seat paper includes a projection portion extending outwardly and~~ capable of being held by at least finger tips ~~is provided at one portion of at~~ an outer peripheral edge of ~~said the~~ toilet seat paper ~~to extend outwardly therefrom.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The toilet seat paper setting device as claimed in claim 12, wherein ~~said the projection portion~~ has a substantially U-shaped configuration.

14. (Currently Amended) The toilet seat paper setting device as claimed in claim 12 ~~or 13~~, wherein ~~said the projection portion~~ is provided to ~~position be positioned~~ between user's legs when the user ~~seats sits~~ on ~~said the~~ toilet seat.

15. (Currently Amended) The toilet seat paper setting device as claimed in ~~any one of claims claim 12 to 14~~, wherein ~~said the~~ toilet seat paper is ~~made of~~ a water soluble material.

16. (Currently Amended) The toilet seat paper setting device as claimed in ~~any one of claims claim 12 to 15~~, wherein ~~said the~~ toilet seat paper ~~has~~ contains an aroma constituent ~~impregnated~~ therein.

17. (Currently Amended) The toilet seat paper setting device as claimed in ~~any one of claims claim 12 to 16~~, wherein ~~said the~~ toilet seat paper ~~is configured into~~ has an annular shape.

18. (Currently Amended) The toilet seat paper setting device as claimed in ~~any one of claims claim 12 to 17~~, wherein ~~said the~~ projection ~~portion is formed in~~ one piece with ~~said the~~ toilet seat paper.

19. (Currently Amended) The toilet seat paper setting device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 12 to 17~~, wherein ~~said the~~ projection ~~portion is formed as~~ a separate piece attached to the toilet seat paper.